

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the title with the following amended title:

"SECURING TENSIONING ELEMENT, IN PARTICULAR SECURING ESPECIALLY LASHING STRAPS, OCTOPUS STRAP STRAPS AND RETAINING NET RECEIVING NETS"

Please add the following new paragraph immediately after the title appearing on page 1.

This disclosure is based upon Swiss Application Nos. 50/03 and 2040/03, filed January 14, 2003 and December 1, 2003, and International Application No. PCT/CH2004/000008, filed January 13, 2004, the contents of which are incorporated herein by reference.